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THRU: Pam Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor *pgl*

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RE: Modification of Revegetation Success Standards, Western States Minerals, J.B. King Mine, ACT/015/002-AM99C

SUMMARY:

Proposed changes to the J. B. King Mine permit were received on December 23, 1999. The amendment removes the permit commitment for a vegetation production standard at Phase III bond release. Information found in the proposal meets the minimum requirements and approval is recommended.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

OPERATION PLAN

REVEGETATION

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 785.18, 817.111, 817.113, 817.114, 817.116; R645-301-244, -301-353, -301-354, -301-355, -301-356, -302-280, -302-281, -302-282, -302-283, -302-284.

Analysis:

Standards for success.

No vegetation production standard is necessary for mine sites previously disturbed or continuously mined. However, production data is generally obtained and used to demonstrate a postmining land use of livestock grazing.

Findings:

The requirements concerning vegetation production standard for this section of the regulations meet the minimum regulatory requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve amendment ACT/015/002-AM99C.

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